U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JEAN M. ECHEVARRIA <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, San Jose, Calif.

Docket No. 97-1609; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 11, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has established that she sustained a recurrence of total disability on or after August 4, 1994.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized on March 26, 1996, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated March 26, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 11, 1999

> George E. Rivers Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member